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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 September 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-22 are presented for examination.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-12, 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Inoue et al. (6,501,767) (hereinafter Inoue).

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

4. As per claim 1, Inoue teaches a position identifier management apparatus for supporting the movement of a mobile computer between networks, comprising: storage means for storing binding information concerning said mobile computer managed by said position identifier management apparatus, said binding information including a compatible node identifier for uniquely specifying said mobile computer and a compatible position identifier for uniquely specifying a position of said mobile computer on a network (e.g. col. 4, lines 30-35); registration means for registering the binding information in said storage means in response to a registration request to register the binding information from another apparatus (e.g. col. 4, lines 60-65); and transmitting means for transmitting the binding information in response to a query about the binding information concerning said mobile computer from another apparatus when said binding information is stored in said storage means (e.g. col. 4, lines 45-50).

5. As per claim 18, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
6. As per claim 21, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
7. As per claim 2, Inoue teaches a position identifier management apparatus, further comprising: means for registering binding information contained in the received registration request after detecting that a sender of the received registration request is an external mobile computer and authenticating said external mobile computer as a valid mobile computer (e.g. col. 3, lines 15-20); means for sending said registration request to an external position identifier management apparatus which also manages said external mobile computer when said external mobile computer is authenticated as a valid mobile computer (e.g. col. 3, lines 35-40); and means for registering the binding information contained in the received registration request in said storage means after detecting that the sender of the received registration request is an external position identifier management apparatus and authenticating said external position identifier management apparatus as a valid apparatus (e.g. col. 3, lines 35-45).
8. As per claim 16, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
9. As per claim 20, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
10. As per claim 3, Inoue teaches a position identifier management apparatus, wherein said transmitting means transmits the binding information containing the compatible node identifier

which is identical to the compatible node identifier contained in the query (e.g. col. 3, lines 15-25).

11. As per claim 19, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
12. As per claim 4, Inoue teaches a position identifier management apparatus; wherein the binding information includes a registered time and an effective period, and said position identifier management apparatus further comprises means for erasing the binding information, which has expired (e.g. col. 5, lines 30-35).
13. As per claim 5, Inoue teaches a position identifier management apparatus, wherein the compatible node identifier of said mobile computer comprises a first virtual network identifier assigned to said mobile computer which moves between networks and a node identifier for uniquely specifying said mobile computer, and the compatible position identifier of said mobile computer comprises a second network identifier which is usable only by mobile computers assigned to a network to which said mobile computer is connected and the node identifier (e.g. col. 4, lines 29-45).
14. As per claim 6 Inoue teaches a mobile computer which moves between networks, comprising: first storage means for storing binding information including a compatible node identifier and a compatible position identifier, the compatible node identifier including a first virtual network identifier assigned to said mobile computer which moves between networks and a node for uniquely specifying said mobile computer, the compatible position identifier including a second network identifier which is usable only by mobile computers assigned to a network to

which said mobile computer is connected and the node identifier (e.g. col. 4, lines 29-45); second storage means for storing binding information concerning at least one of external mobile computers with which said mobile computer is to communicate, said binding information including a compatible node identifier and a compatible position identifier, the compatible node identifier including a first virtual network identifier assigned to said external mobile computer which moves between networks and a node identifier of said external mobile computer, the compatible position identifier including a second network identifier which is usable only by mobile computers assigned to a network to which said external mobile computer is connected and the node identifier of said external mobile computer (e.g. col. 5, lines 25-35); determining means for determining whether the binding information is to be used for a packet transmitting or receiving operation (e.g. col. 5, lines 35-45); and conversion means for performing, when said determining means determines that the binding information is to be used, a conversion operation by converting the compatible node identifier to the compatible position identifier when the packet is to be transmitted and by converting from the compatible position identifier to the compatible node identifier when the packet is to be received (e.g. col. 5, lines 40-50).

15. As per claim 22, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

16. As per claim 7, Inoue teaches a mobile computer, wherein said determining means determines that the conversion operation is to be performed by said conversion means when a destination address of the packet to be transmitted is designated with said compatible node identifier (e.g. col. 5, lines 10-25).

17. As per claim 8, Inoue teaches a mobile computer, wherein, when said determining means determines that the conversion operation is to be performed by said conversion means in order to transmit the packet, said conversion means acquires the compatible position identifier corresponding to the compatible node identifier which designates the destination address of the packet to be transmitted, and then converts the destination address of the packet into the acquired compatible position identifier, and sets the compatible position identifier of said mobile computer stored in said first storage means as a source address of the packet (e.g. cols 5 and 6, lines 60-67 and 1-5 respectively).

18. As per claim 9, Inoue teaches a mobile computer, wherein said determining means determines that the conversion operation is to be performed by said conversion means when a source address and a destination address of the packet to be received are designated with the compatible position identifiers (e.g. col. 6, lines 10-20).

19. As per claim 10, Inoue teaches a mobile computer according to claim 9, wherein, when said determining means determines that the conversion operation is to be performed by said conversion means in order to receive the packet, said conversion means converts the compatible position identifier into the compatible node identifier by at least substituting the second network identifier contained in the compatible position identifier which designates the source address of the packet by the first virtual network identifier, and also verifies the integrity of the compatible node identifier which designates the source address of the packet (e.g. col. 5, lines 30-40).

20. As per claim 11, Inoue teaches a mobile computer according to claim 6, wherein, when said determination means determines that the conversion operation by said conversion means is not performed, it is assumed that each of a source address and a destination address of the packet is a position identifier for uniquely specifying the position of said mobile computer on a network and containing a third network identifier which does not support the movement of said mobile computer, and the packet is transmitted or received by using said source address and said destination address (e.g. Figure 7).

21. As per claim 12, Inoue teaches a mobile computer according to claim 6, further comprising: movement detection means for detecting the movement of said mobile computer by a change in a third network identifier which does not support the movement detected on a network to which said mobile computer is connected (e.g. Figure 2); acquiring means for acquiring the second network identifier when the movement of said mobile computer is detected (e.g. Figure 2); generating means for generating new binding information based on the acquired second network identifier; and updating means for updating the binding information concerning said mobile computer stored in said first storage means by the new binding information generated by said generating means (e.g. Figure 2).

22. As per claim 17, Inoue teaches a position identifier management method, wherein said mobile computer sends a query containing the position node identifier of said mobile computer to a server for storing a relationship between the compatible node identifier and an address of a position identifier management apparatus which manages said mobile computer provided with the compatible node identifier, and receives a response to the query from said server, thereby

Specifying the position identifier management apparatus, which manages, said mobile computer (e.g. col. 4, lines 54-67).

23. Claims 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

24. Applicant's arguments filed 9/2/2004 regarding claims 1-12 and 16-22 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Therefore rejection of claims 1-12 and 16-22 is maintained. Rejection of claims 13-15 is withdrawn.

25. In the remarks, applicants argued in substance that the reference Inoue does not disclose the position identifier management apparatus, and hence its components, to be included in the mobile computer. Examiner respectfully traverses applicants' remarks.

26. Inoue discloses according to one embodiment of his invention in col. 4, lines 30-52, that the mobile computer device comprise all the claimed limitations in the instant application.

27. Inoue discloses according to one embodiment of his invention in col. 6, lines 26-57, that the mobile computer device comprise all the claimed limitations in the instant application.

28. Inoue discloses according to one embodiment of his invention in col. 13, lines 60-67, that the mobile computer device can be conveniently implemented in a form of a software package comprising all the claimed limitations in the instant application.

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29. Inoue discloses in col. 14, lines 6-11, that many modifications and variations of his embodiments may be made without departing from the novel and advantageous features of his invention. Accordingly such modifications and variations are intended to be included within the scope of his invention.

30. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

31. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nabil M El-Hady whose telephone number is (571) 272-3963. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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